because of a building existing nearby and this had to be done by chiselling, which took considerable time; and due to the difficulties encountered in procurement of the requsite quantity of cement and steel.

As per present indications, the transmitter is envisaged to be commissioned during the first half of 1993.

[*Translation*]

Exemption from Entertainment Tax for Theatre Shows

4869. SHRI KASIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to exempt all the Theater shows from entertainment tax:

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) the scheme of legislative powers for the States and the Union Government under the Constitution gives complete powers to the State Governments in the matter of levy of entertainment tax for exhibition of films. The Central Government do not have statutory powers to issue directions to State Governments for levying entertainment tax The relevant Entry in the State List reads as follows:

Entry 62- Taxes on luxuries, including taxes on entertainments, amusements, betting and gambling.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As above.

[*English*]

Implementation of I. Ramamohan Rao Committee Report

4870. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Federation of Small & medium Newspapers has demanded the implementation of the I. Ramamohan Rao Committee Report;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Government have already initiated action for acceptance of the report for implementation.

Closure of Cinema Houses

4871. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cinema houses closed during each of the last three years and the reasons therefor; and

(b) the action the Government proposed to take cinema industry out of crisis?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). The information is being col-